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PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON REQUESTS FOR AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT MODIFICATIONS PURSUANT TO THE ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD & EIGHT YEAR REVIEW OF AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS 16 (LANCASTER-ALDEN) & 17 (AMHERST)

Per New York State Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b, the Erie County Legislature designated September 1 through September 30 as the annual thirty-day period during which landowners may submit requests to include predominantly viable agricultural land into an existing certified agricultural district.

During the 2014 enrollment period, three landowners requested the following inclusions:

PARCEL	ACRES	PARCEL ADDRESS	TOWN	LANDOWNER	DISTRICT
241.00-3-48.111	33.7	Deer Run Road	Boston	Lenny Ciolek	Eden 2
156.00-2-54	19.5	120 Hemstreet Road	Elma	Scott Meyers	Elma 13
108.00-1-22.12	89.23	12551 North Road	Alden	Justin Pautler	Alden-Newstead 1

Pursuant to Article 25-AA of the Agriculture and Markets Law, Agricultural District No. 16, which encompasses approximately 9,356 acres within the Towns of Lancaster and Alden was originally established on April 28, 1983; and Agricultural District No. 17, which encompasses approximately 1,475 acres within the Town of Amherst, was originally established on April 25, 1991. Under Section 303-a(1) of the Agriculture and Markets Law, the County Legislature is required to review districts eight years after their creation and every eight years thereafter.

A comment period was held from September 1 through September 30, during which any municipality whose territory encompasses Districts 16 and 17, any State Agency, or any landowner within or adjacent to the District, may propose a modification to the District.

The following modifications were proposed for District 16:

REQUEST	PARCEL	ACRES	PARCEL ADDRESS	TOWN	LANDOWNER
Removal	116.00-3-28.17	6.1	5600 William Street	Lancaster	Richard & Cheryl Dillon
Inclusion	118.00-2-17	48	11790 Broadway	Alden	Helen & James Giczkowski

No modifications were proposed for District 17.

The Erie County Legislature is holding a public hearing to consider the abovementioned modification requests and district reviews, as well as the recommendations of the Erie County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board. The hearing is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at Erie County Cornell Cooperative Extension Office, 21 South Grove Street, East Aurora, NY 14052.

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